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# Kidderminster Rural District Council

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# ANNUAL REPORT

of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH.

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*To the Chairman and Members of the*

KIDDERMINSTER RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present to you my REPORT for the year 1953.

## SECTION A.

### Statistics and Social Conditions of the Area.

Area in acres	...	...	...	...	...	...	36,790
Registrar-General's estimate of the resident population mid 1953	...	...	...	...	...	...	12,110
Number of inhabited houses at the end of 1953	...	...	...	...	...	...	3,623
Rateable Value	...	...	...	...	...	...	£70,311
Sum represented by a penny rate	...	...	...	...	...	...	£276

### Social Conditions.

In the main the inhabitants of the district are engaged in agricultural and kindred work, though a certain proportion are employed in industry in Kidderminster, and a number of males are employed at an Iron Works in the district.

### Vital Statistics.

					1953	1952
<b>Births.</b>		Males	Females	Total	Total	
(a)	Live Births: Legitimate	... 90	90	180		195
	Illegitimate	... 6	7	13		7
Birth rate per 1,000 of the estimated population					15.9	16.9
Birth rate for England and Wales					... 15.5	15.3
		Males	Females	Total	Total	
(b)	Still Births: Legitimate	... 1	4	5		3
	Illegitimate	... 0	1	1		0
<b>Deaths.</b>		Males	Females	Total	Total	
(a)	No. registered for District	... 38	49	87		93
Crude death rate per 1,000 of the estimated resident population					... 7.18	7.8
Death rate for England and Wales					... 11.2	11.3
(b)	Deaths from Cancer (all ages)	... ..	...	12		14
	Deaths from Measles (all ages)	... ..	...	0		0
	Deaths from Whooping Cough (all ages)	... ..	...	0		0
(c)	Maternal Mortality	... ..	...	0		0
(d)	Infant Mortality (under 1 year of age)	... ..	...	6		5
Death rate of Infants under 1 year of age :						
All Infants per 1,000 live births					... 31.1	24.3
Legitimate Infants per 1,000 legitimate live births					... 33.3	15.4
Infant Mortality Rate for England and Wales per 1,000 live births					... 26.8	27.6

### Cause of Death.

							<i>M.</i>	<i>F.</i>
10	Malignant neoplasm, stomach	...	...	...	...	...	1	1
12	Malignant neoplasm, breast	...	...	...	...	...	—	2
13	Malignant neoplasm, uterus	...	...	...	...	...	—	1
14	Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasm	...	...	...	...	...	3	4
15	Leukaemia, aleukaemia	...	...	...	...	...	—	1
16	Diabetes	...	...	...	...	...	1	1
17	Vascular lesions of nervous system	...	...	...	...	...	2	6
18	Coronary disease, angina	...	...	...	...	...	5	5
19	Hypertension with heart disease	...	...	...	...	...	—	1
20	Other Heart diseases	...	...	...	...	...	3	13
21	Other circulatory disease	...	...	...	...	...	1	3
22	Influenza	...	...	...	...	...	—	1
23	Pneumonia	...	...	...	...	...	3	—
24	Bronchitis	...	...	...	...	...	2	1
25	Other diseases of respiratory system	...	...	...	...	...	—	1
28	Nephritis and nephrosis	...	...	...	...	...	1	3
31	Congenital malformations	...	...	...	...	...	—	1
32	Other defined and ill-defined diseases	...	...	...	...	...	9	3
33	Motor vehicle accidents	...	...	...	...	...	2	—
34	All other accidents	...	...	...	...	...	5	—
35	Suicide	...	...	...	...	...	—	1
							—	—
	All causes	...	...	...	...	...	38	49



## **SECTION B.**

### **General Provision of Health Services in the Area.**

#### **Staff.**

I have the assistance and co-operation of the Sanitary Inspector, Mr. R. S. Porter, who holds the Certificate of the Royal Sanitary Institute as Inspector of Meat and other Foods, and of Miss J. E. Mantle as Public Health Clerk.

#### **Laboratory Facilities.**

The Worcestershire County Council Laboratories are available for the chemical examination of water, milk and foodstuffs, and the work is carried out by the County Analyst.

All clinical bacteriology is carried out by the Public Health Laboratory, situated at Worcester Royal Infirmary.

#### **Ambulance Facilities.**

For Infectious Diseases an ambulance is provided by the Regional Hospital Board, and operates from Hayley Green Hospital.

For other cases an ambulance service is provided by the County Council, and operates from Kidderminster.

#### **Nursing at Home.**

There are four District Nurses in the area, who also practise as Midwives and act as Health Visitors. Two other District Nurses also deal with portions of the Area.

#### **Infant Welfare Centres.**

There are five Infant Welfare Centres in the Area—at Far Forest, Wolverley, Cookley, Chaddesley Corbett, and Blakedown, where Immunisation and Vaccination is carried out.

The Welfare Centre at Wribbenhall is also used by residents of the Area.

#### **Hospitals.**

The Kidderminster and District General Hospital is available for all residents in our Area.

For Infectious Diseases the Isolation Hospital at Hayley Green is available.



### **Tuberculosis.**

This work is the responsibility of the Regional Hospital Board, who arrange sanatorium treatment where possible. Dispensaries are held every Tuesday at 6 p.m., and Thursday at 2 p.m., at the Kidderminster General Hospital, when Dr. R. Cronin attends.

The County Council are responsible for after-care and this work is administered locally by the After-Care Sub-Committee of the Divisional Area Committee.

### **Venereal Disease.**

The Regional Hospital Board arrange for treatment and follow-up of these cases at the Kidderminster General Hospital.

## **SECTION C.**

### **Sanitary Circumstances of the Area.**

#### **Water.**

The Council own approximately 70 miles of water pipes, and the water in the Rural District is supplied by:—

- (1) The Council's Borehole at Cookley.
- (2) The City of Birmingham Elan Aqueduct.
- (3) The Stourbridge Water Board.

The supply is satisfactory both in regard to quality and quantity.

At regular intervals throughout the year the Sanitary Inspector submitted samples of water from the three main sources for chemical and bacteriological examination. All the samples were satisfactory. The following are copies of the Certificates on three samples submitted.

### Report of the County Analyst.

Upon a sample of Borehole water contained in W. Qt. Bottle Marked Cookley Borehole, Franche Road, Wolverley. Received from Mr. R. S. Porter, Sanitary Inspector, Land Oak House, Kidderminster, on the 10th December, 1953.

I hereby certify that I have examined the above sample.

Opinion:—The sample is fit for drinking.

(Signed) M. M. LOVE,

*County Analyst.*

*18th December, 1953.*

### Bacteriological Examination Report.

Probable No. coliform bacilli, MacConkey	
2 days, 37°C ... ..	Nil per 100 ml.
Probable No. faecal coli ... ..	Nil per 100 ml.

Fit for drinking.

R. J. HENDERSON, M.B., Ch.B.

*12th December, 1953.*

### Report of the County Analyst.

Upon a sample of Elan Valley Supply Water contained in W. Qt. Bottle. Marked Trimpley. Received from Mr. R. S. Porter, Sanitary Inspector, Land Oak House, Kidderminster, on 13th August, 1953.

I hereby certify that I have examined the above sample.

Opinion:—The sample is fit for drinking.

(Signed) M. M. LOVE,

*County Analyst.*

*25th August, 1953.*

**Bacteriological Examination Report.**

Probable No. coliform bacilli, MacConkey  
 2 days, 37°C. ... Nil per 100 ml.  
 Probable No. faecal coli ... Nil per 100 ml.  
 Fit for drinking.

R. J. HENDERSON, M.B., Ch.B.

15th August, 1953.

**Report of the County Analyst.**

Upon a sample of Stourbridge Water Board water contained in W. Qt. Bottle, Marked Belbroughton Road, Blakedown. Received from Mr. R. S. Porter, Sanitary Inspector, Land Oak House, Kidderminster, on 13th August, 1953.

I hereby certify that I have examined the above sample.

Opinion:—The sample is fit for drinking.

(Signed) M. M. LOVE,  
*County Analyst.*

25th August, 1953.

**Bacteriological Examination Report.**

Probable No. coliform bacilli, MacConkey  
 2 days, 37°C. ... Nil per 100 ml.  
 Probable No. faecal coli ... Nil per 100 ml.  
 Fit for drinking.

R. J. HENDERSON, M.B., Ch.B.

15th August, 1953.

# WATER SUPPLIES TO HOUSES IN THE RURAL DISTRICT

Parish	From Public Mains				From Private Supplies e.g. wells, springs, etc.	
	Direct to houses		By means of Standpipe			
	No. of dwelling houses	Population	No. of dwelling houses	Population	No. of dwelling houses	Population
Wolverley ... ..	899	3241	223	713	53	169
Upper Arley ... ..	99	324	119	328	97	321
Ribbesford ... ..	6	19	—	—	18	57
Churchill and Blakedown ... ..	341	1098	—	—	28	89
Rock ... ..	418	1460	158	405	90	300
Broome ... ..	47	150	—	—	22	70
Stone ... ..	74	237	—	—	43	160
Rushock ... ..	—	—	—	—	40	126
Kidderminster Foreign ... ..	82	264	207	572	44	220
Chaddesley Corbett ...	390	1360	67	214	58	213
Totals ... ..	2356	8153	774	2232	493	1725

The above figures are approximate. Included in the 774 houses supplied from standpipes are several areas of bungalows development and a “squatters” camp.



### Drainage and Sewerage.

Work on the main sewerage scheme for the villages of Wolverley and Cookley is nearing completion and connections will commence early next year.

Conditions in the village of Chaddesley Corbett remain unchanged since my last report, but every effort has been made to reduce the nuisance caused to a minimum. However, as a result of a Public Inquiry into the proposed sewerage scheme, held on 9th June, 1953, the Ministry have approved in principle that part of the scheme which applies to the village of Chaddesley Corbett and adjacent areas, but the provision for Harvington, Shenstone and Mustow Green has been deferred for the time being. It is hoped that a start on this essential service will be made at an early date.

In areas likely to remain unsewered further progress has been made in conversion to water carriage to efficient private disposal plants.

#### SUMMARY OF SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL

Parish	Houses connected to a public sewer	Population served	No. of houses with		
			Pails	Cess pits, etc.	Private installations
Wolverley ...	270	874	480	590	214
Upper Arley ...	29	100	102	152	44
Ribbesford ...	—	—	12	12	12
Churchill and Blakedown ...	221	699	36	63	72
Rock ...	32	102	198	425	230
Broome ...	—	—	10	15	54
Stone ...	12	38	60	73	42
Rushock ...	—	—	33	33	7
Kidderminster Foreign ...	16	51	230	96	52
Chaddesley Corbett ...	102	357	120	242	188
Totals ...	682	2221	1281	1701	915

All shacks, etc., have been included as dwellings. Few of them have drainage arrangements.

**River Pollution.**

There is little change to report in the condition of the River Stour which runs through the District. The Severn River Board are now aware of the extent of the pollution entering the River and it is hoped that they will use all their powers to reduce this contamination to the absolute minimum.

## HOUSING.

## STATISTICS.

## 1.—Inspection of dwelling houses during the year.

(1) (a)	Total number of dwellings inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts) ...	595
(b)	Number of inspections made for the purpose ...	608
(2) (a)	Number of dwelling houses included under sub-head (1) above which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidation Regulations, 1925 & 1932 ... ..	301
(b)	Number of inspections made for the purpose ...	316
(3)	Number of dwelling houses found not to be in all respects fit for human habitation ... ..	201

## 2.—Remedy of Defects during the year without the Service of Formal Notices:—

Number of defective dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers ... ..	91
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## 3.—Action under Statutory Powers during the year :—

## A.—Proceedings under Sections 9, 10 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936.

(1)	Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs ... ..	4
(2)	Number of dwelling houses which were rendered fit after service of Formal Notices:—	
(a)	By Owners ... ..	4
(b)	By Local Authority in default of Owners ...	Nil

## B.—Proceedings under Public Health Acts.

(1)	Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Notices were served requiring defects to be remedied ... ..	10
(2)	Number of dwelling houses in which defects were remedied after service of Formal Notices:	
(a)	By Owners ... ..	10
(b)	By Local Authority in default of Owners ...	Nil

C.—Proceedings under Sections 11 and 13 of the Housing Act, 1936.

(1)	Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made	...	...	...	Nil
(2)	Number of dwelling houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders	...	...	...	Nil

D.—Proceedings under Section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936.

(1)	Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made	...	...	...	...	...	...	Nil
(2)	Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the tenement or rooms having been made fit	...	...	...	...	...	...	Nil

**4.—Housing Act, 1936. Part IV.—Overcrowding.**

Although there is still a considerable degree of overcrowding in the Area, the year has seen some improvement. The Council's Housing Programme, as previously stated, cannot keep pace with the demand.

No. of Applications, 1st January, 1953	...	...	...	491
No. of houses erected during the year	...	...	...	46
No. of Applications, 31st December, 1953	...	...	...	416

**Prevalence of and Control over Infectious and Other Diseases.**

**Immunisations against Diphtheria.**

The importance of early immunisation of infants against diphtheria, and the necessity for a reinforcing dose on or shortly before entering school is constantly brought to the notice of all parents by Health Visitors and myself. There is a tendency for parents not to take quite so much trouble in ensuring that their children are properly immunised. If this trend continues there is little doubt that diphtheria will soon resume its former role as killer of young children.

A further 115 children under 5 years and 20 children from 5 to 14 years of age were given primary courses of treatment during the year, and 178 were given booster doses.

No cases of diphtheria occurred in the district during the year.



### Notifications.

The notifiable infectious diseases (other than Tuberculosis) which occurred during the year 1953 are set out in the following table.

Disease	AGE IN YEARS							Total No. of Cases	No. of cases admitted to Hospital	No. of Deaths
	0-	1-	3-	5-	10-	15-	25 and over			
Measles ...	2	18	25	46	7	5	5	108	2	—
Whooping Cough ...	—	8	10	9	2	—	—	29	—	—
Scarlet Fever ...	—	—	2	4	1	1	—	8	1	—
Pneumonia ...	2	—	1	3	—	—	5	11	—	3
Acute Poliomyelitis ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	1	—
Meningococcal Infections ...	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	2	2	—
Puerperal Pyrexia ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—
Totals ...	5	26	38	63	10	6	12	160	6	3

### Tuberculosis.

Four cases were notified during the year.

Age Periods	NEW CASES				DEATHS			
	Respiratory		Non-Respiratory		Respiratory		Non-Respiratory	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
0—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
5—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
15—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
25—	—	1	—	1	1	—	—	—
35—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
45—	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
55—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
65 and upwards	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Totals ...	1	1	—	2	1	—	—	—

It was not necessary to take any action under the Public Health Act (Prevention of Tuberculosis Regulations) 1925, or under Section 172 of the Public Health Act, 1936.

### Conclusion.

The Council are to be congratulated on the progress made with the provision of new houses during the year and the decision to provide a proportion of smaller houses will permit more flexibility in the future.

The existing services provided by the Council remain satisfactory. When schemes now approaching completion and others shortly to be undertaken come into service it will be possible for considerable sanitary improvements to be made in the areas concerned.

A start has been made on the Council's scheme for dealing with old property under the Housing Acts, where demolition appears to be the only solution. The greater part of the scheme remains to be dealt with as and when possible.

I should like to thank the Chairman and Members of the Council and all Officials for their help and co-operation during the year.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

R. W. MARKHAM,

Medical Officer of Health.

KIDDERMINSTER  
RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

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# ANNUAL REPORT

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Sanitary Inspector

FOR

1953

# ANNUAL REPORT

## OF THE SANITARY INSPECTOR.

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*To the Chairman and Members of the*

KIDDERMINSTER RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Gentlemen,

I have much pleasure in submitting my Annual Report on the Sanitary Administration within the Rural District for the year ended 31st December, 1953.

### INFECTIOUS DISEASE AND DISINFECTION.

Number of visits made to premises re cases of infectious disease and disinfection : 21.

Disinfection of premises and articles which have been exposed to infection is carried out where necessary by means of disinfectant and formaldehyde lamps.

### MEAT, MILK AND OTHER FOODS.

#### **Meat.**

All meat sold in the five shops in the district comes from the Central Slaughterhouse in the Borough of Kidderminster.

It is pleasing to report that it has not been necessary to take any action with regard to any of the supplies.

The Butchers have maintained their premises in a satisfactory condition throughout the year.

No meat was condemned during the year.

#### **Milk.**

Close contact has been maintained with all milk distributors in the area and no infringement of the Regulations have been met with.



The supply of heat treated milk by dealers from other districts is rapidly increasing with a consequent reduction in the quantity of raw milk consumed in the district. The majority of the raw milk is now supplied in bottles.

### Other Foods.

The following details show the position with regard to food premises :—

Type	No.	Registered Section 14 F. & D. Act	Inspections
General Provisions ... ..	46	—	9
Cafes ... ..	13	—	35
Hotels and other licensed premises...	31	—	69
Works Canteens ... ..	1	—	4
Dairies ... ..	21	—	87
Mobile Canteens ... ..	4	—	26
Ice Cream Manufacturers ... ..	2	2	8
Ice Cream Retailers ... ..	24	24	46

Inspections have revealed that there is a high standard of cleanliness throughout the district. Tradesmen have responded readily to any suggestion put forward and this applies particularly to publicans and the Brewery Companies who have made great steps forward in the modernisation of their premises.

As the district attracts large holiday crowds a close watch was kept on mobile canteens and it was gratifying to find that the owners left nothing to be desired in their methods.

The arrangements for refreshments at various race meetings, agricultural shows, etc., were thoroughly inspected and little was found of which to complain.

A continuous campaign of personal contact with traders and staffs on all matters relating to clean food was maintained.

Only 6 lbs. of corned beef, 6 lbs. of ox-tongue and 18 lbs. of tomato puree were condemned during the year.

### Ice Cream.

Having only two small manufacturers of ice cream, the vast majority of ice-cream sold in the district comes from large concerns in other areas. This ice-cream is almost invariably supplied to the customer in cartons or wrappings.

It has not been necessary to draw attention to any infringements during the year.

**SLAUGHTER OF ANIMALS ACT, 1933.**

Number of unexpired licences in force	...	...	...	21
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**BAKEHOUSES.**

Number on register, December, 1953	...	...	...	8
Inspections	...	...	...	32
Informal Notices served	...	...	...	Nil
Statutory Notices served	...	...	...	Nil

**Contraventions Remedied :—**

Limewashing	...	...	...	...	...	...	6
Dirty Floors	...	...	...	...	...	...	2

**PUBLIC CLEANSING.****Refuse Collection and Disposal.**

This service is carried out by three lorries. One S.D. Freighter with a crew of three, one Morris Commercial with a crew of two and a Contractor's lorry manned by the Contractor and his son.

The S.D. Freighter covers the parishes of Wolverley, Cookley, Churchill and Blakedown and Broome and gives a fortnightly service to these built up areas. The Morris Commercial deals with the parishes of Chaddeley Corbett, Stone and Rushock and gives a fortnightly service. The parishes of Rock, Upper Arley, Kidderminster Foreign and Ribbesford are dealt with by the Contractor.

An ever present problem is the provision of adequate land for tipping.

The following are the details of the number of loads dealt with :

Tipped at Wolverley	...	...	...	...	1098	loads
Tipped at Lodgeford Hill	...	...	...	...	452	„
Tipped at Trimpley...	...	...	...	...	198	„
Tipped at Rock	...	...	...	...	285	„
					2033	loads

### **Night Soil Collection.**

A weekly collection of night soil is made from Chaddesley Corbett Village. The work is done by a local contractor, who uses a motor lorry provided with suitable bins for the carriage of the night soil. No complaints have been received with regard to the manner in which this work is done.

The Council's proposed Sewerage Scheme for the village will render this service unnecessary, but as a temporary measure the system is as efficient as possible.

Number of pail closets emptied per week : 87.

### **Cesspools.**

Pending the installation of the Council's proposed sewers, nuisances from overflowing cesspools have again been dealt with by the use of a hired cesspool emptying vehicle. 98 cesspools have been emptied at the owners' expense.

**WATER SUPPLY.****General.**

Number of samples submitted for analysis	...	...	52
Number of samples found to be unfit or unsuitable	...		25
Number of samples found to be fit	...	...	27

**Council's Borehole, Cookley.**

Number of samples submitted for chemical examination	...	...	...	...	...	4
Number of samples submitted for bacteriological examination	...	...	...	...	...	8
Number of samples found to be chemically of good quality and fit for drinking	...	...	...	...		4
Number of samples found to be bacteriologically of good quality and fit for drinking	...	...	...	...		8

The water from the Borehole shows little variation in physical character and chemical composition.

For specimens of Analyst's Reports see Medical Officer of Health's Report.

**HOUSING.**

The year saw further progress in the erection of houses and many problems were settled. The majority of the worst cases of overcrowding have been dealt with, but the Council's future programme of demolition will call for a considerable number of houses. It is expected that in the village of Cookley alone between twenty and thirty houses will be needed for this purpose during 1954.

A good feature of the housing situation is that a large number of houses which were in an advanced stage of disrepair before the war have, in the meantime, been purchased by city dwellers and brought up to an exceptionally good standard.





**COMPLAINTS.**

Number of complaints received	...	...	...	389
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**Summary of Complaints.**

Housing Defects	...	...	...	...	101
Defective and choked drainage	...	...	...	...	107
Miscellaneous	...	...	...	...	181

**SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA, 1953**

Particulars of Visits and Inspections are as follows :—

Number of premises inspected	...	...	...	4166
Bakehouses	...	...	...	32
Caravans and Movable Dwellings	...	...	...	78
Dairies	...	...	...	38
Fried Fish Premises	...	...	...	14
Infectious Disease	...	...	...	21
Overcrowding	...	...	...	372
Premises where animals are kept	...	...	...	93
Schools	...	...	...	15
Water Courses	...	...	...	36
Water Supply...	...	...	...	291
Workshops	...	...	...	2
Provision of Dustbins	...	...	...	40
Miscellaneous	...	...	...	816
Refuse Collection	...	...	...	2364

**SANITARY WORK.****Interior of Houses.**

Dirty houses improved and cleansed by tenants	...	...	16
Verminous houses dealt with	...	...	9

**Yards and Outbuildings.**

Dirty yards and W.C's cleansed by tenants	...	...	31
Offensive accumulations removed from yards, etc.	...	...	97

**Drainage**

Yard gullies cleansed by tenants ... ..	76
Drains opened and cleansed from obstruction ... ..	201
Defective drains repaired ... ..	54
New drains provided ... ..	22
Glazed stoneware gullies provided ... ..	36
Inspection chambers provided to drains ... ..	26
Overflowing cesspools cleansed and repaired ... ..	98
Inspection chambers repaired and provided with new air-tight covers ... ..	6
Glazed sinks provided ... ..	6
Cesspools abolished ... ..	30

**Water Closets.**

New Water Closets erected ... ..	12
Additional W.C's provided ... ..	3
Foul and obstructed W.C's cleansed ... ..	161
New W.C. cisterns provided, others repaired ... ..	31
Water Closets repaired ... ..	57
Water Closets provided with new basins ... ..	16
Defective water supply to W.C's remedied (burst water pipes, defective ball valves, etc.) ... ..	79
Conversions :—	
Conversions of privies to W.C's ... ..	4
Conversions of pail closets to W.C's ... ..	21

**Urinals.**

Urinals cleansed and repaired ... ..	6
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**Privies and Pail Closets.**

New pans provided to pail closets ... ..	41
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**Ashpits and Dustbins.**

Houses provided with new sanitary dustbins ... ..	39
Insanitary conditions of dustbins cleansed by tenants ... ..	37
Ashpits abolished ... ..	2

**Various.**

Nuisances from improper keeping of animals	...	...	27
Accumulations of manure and refuse removed	...	...	57
Miscellaneous nuisances dealt with	...	...	345
Nuisances on highways	...	...	4

**RATS AND MICE DESTRUCTION ACT, 1919.****Infestation Order, 1943.**

Appended herewith is a summary of the work carried out during the year.

No. of infestations dealt with at private houses	...	104
No. of infestations dealt with on business premises	...	1
No. of other infestations dealt with	...	5
No. of complaints received	...	72

**Sewers.**

Acting on the instructions of the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, the sewers at Blakedown and Wolverley were test baited during the year with satisfactory results.

**Worcestershire Agricultural Executive Committee.**

The co-operation between this Committee and ourselves has been excellent, and our thanks are due to all concerned.

**Worcestershire Planning and Advisory Committee.**

I am pleased to be able to report that this Committee has done very useful work during the year.



In conclusion, Gentlemen, may I express my thanks for the interest and support given by the whole of the Council during the year.

I would also express my appreciation of the willing co-operation which I have received from the Clerk, Mr. J. H. Swann, the Surveyor, Mr. A. S. Northover, the Rating Officer, Miss I. M. Mountford, and the whole of the Council's staff.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

R. S. PORTER,

Sanitary Inspector.





